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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 15 April 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Your comments on my first comprehensive statement of Program policies have been noted, and I shall welcome an opportunity to discuss them prior to our submission of the new long-term schedule to R/TR next week. I concur in your view, shared by my staff, that the compressed, single-day AAO briefing could profitably be expanded to run on two successive Saturdays without defeating the practical purposes for which it was originally conceived. I plan to initiate the two-Saturday schedule in the new schedule for at least one area, on a trial basis. The principal difficulty with Saturday schedules - inducing staff or dependents to make a special trip in to assist in the briefings - will of course be somewhat magnified with a two-day schedule, but the objective certainly justifies the extra effort. A two-day schedule would give us approximately the same total briefing time as in the full, on-duty course.

2. [] and I all feel that the AAO [] group of 31 meeting this week is one of the most responsive we have had in recent months. We included [] a participant in the Personal Effectiveness Abroad course, in the opening panel which takes a page out of that course. This session focussing on the American [] was succeeded by one [] on [] and we find this emphasis at the outset on people is highly effective in arousing real interest and giving the proper pitch to the whole briefing. Breakdown of registration is: EE-21, Commo-4, Log-3, OSI-2, and TSS-1.

3. We achieved a highly significant breakthrough this week by finally producing a WE policy on participation in the Saturday Special briefing which includes Western Europe. C [] WE [] as well as DC/WE [] have reported this to

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me personally, and I am highly gratified by this result of my four years of continuous effort. Of the 17 first-timers destined for this area in the next 4 months, however, WE had succeeded in obtaining commitments to attend from only 9, as of today. We anticipate that WE can show up better in the next running of this briefing if the work of registration is completed before the two week deadline instead of being started one week in advance. Our total registration for the 18th is about 40. This will provide a good test of whether I can manage three or four simultaneous sections for different sub-areas, at two or three different hours. OTR staff members who have promised to assist me will include [redacted]

in reserve. In addition, I have signed up [redacted] (OCI), [redacted] (C/WE [redacted] (FE), and [redacted] (Log).

4. [redacted] has kindly volunteered to manage a Lecture Series for us on Africa South of the Sahara, in [redacted] absence this summer. This will serve to satisfy some of the interest in the lively problems of this fast-changing area and may serve to promote interest in study courses which we hope to introduce later in the new fiscal year, after [redacted] return. The Lecture Series will run over a six weeks' period beginning on 10 July, on Friday afternoons.



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